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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1981 SHAWAL 1, 1401 A.H. EIGHT PAGES - TWO RIYALS

Jawara aides taken hostage Senegal intervenes to foil Gambia coup

DAKAR, July 31 (Agencies) - President Dawda Jawara of Gambia said Friday it was "only a matter of hours" before Senegalese troops completely crushed a left-wing revolt in his country.

1.26m Japanese are unemployed

TOKYO, July 31 (AFP) - Unemployment hit 1.26 million people in Japan in June, up a sharp 20 percent over the same half yearly period last year, the statistics bureau of the prime minister's office announced Friday.

Cancun talks begin today

CANCUN, Mexico, July 31 (R) - Foreign ministers from 22 countries met in this Mexican Caribbean resort Saturday to prepare for an ambitious summit conference on bridging the gap between the rich and poor nations.

that he was being held with members of the Gambian government in a suburb of the capital Banjul. The diplomat, Seydou Mourou Ba, said the rebels had threatened to execute him if the Senegalese troops did not withdraw from Gambia by 1700 GMT Friday.

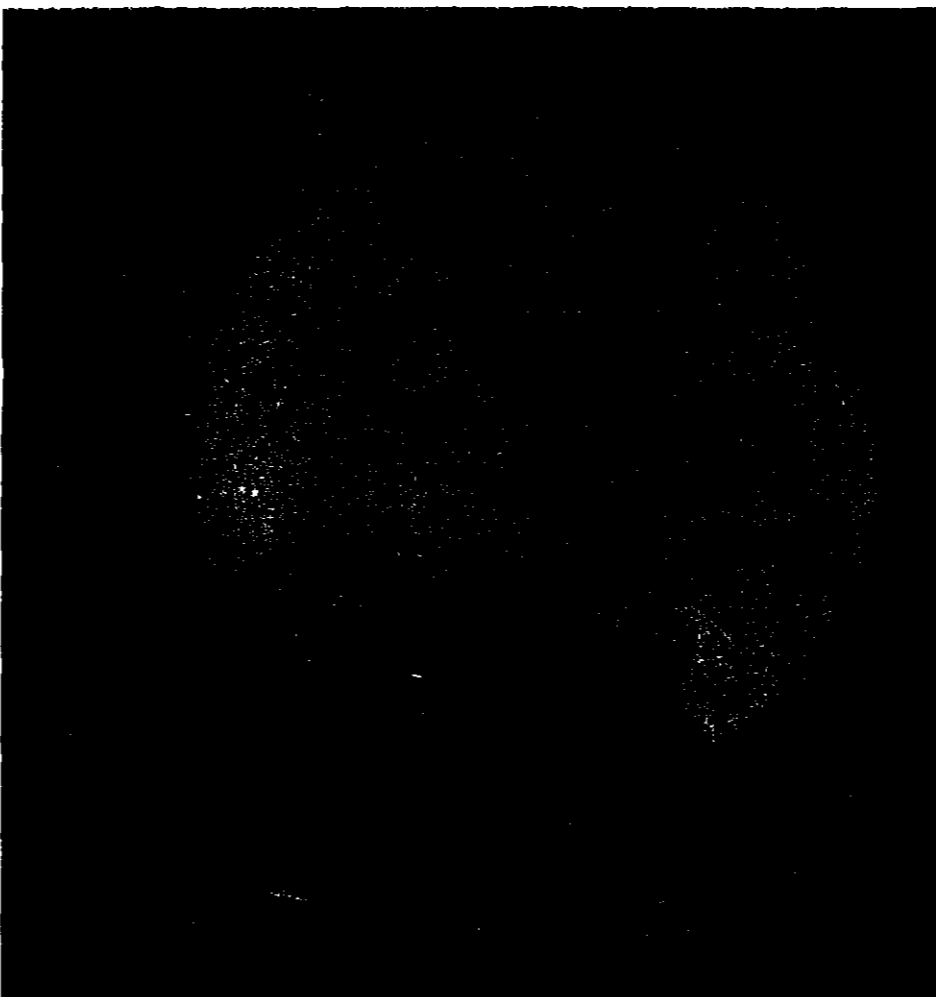
Sir Dawda said many people had already died in the fighting and he appealed to the rebels to surrender to avoid further bloodshed. The coup in Gambia, Africa's smallest state, was launched Thursday.

Sir Dawda told the press conference that the Senegalese troops had captured a ferry at Farafenni, on the main north-south road across Gambia, a narrow strip of land which follows both sides of the Gambia River for 320 kms.

MEIZ, Northeastern France, July 31 (AFP) - A Belgian fighter aircraft went out of control shortly before 1400 local time (1200 GMT) near Dudelange, Luxembourg, and struck the Radio Television Luxembourg (RTL) transmitting tower.

Reagan rapped for plan to legalize unauthorized aliens

LOS ANGELES, July 31 (R) - President Reagan ran into a barrage of criticism Friday for his sweeping proposals to allow millions of illegal aliens to stay in the United States.



ECLIPSE: Finland had a partial solar eclipse Friday. The eclipse began at 1.56 GMT and lasted over two hours. The solar disc was particularly blacked out by the moon as it passed between the earth and the sun.

Total eclipse seen in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, July 31 (Agencies) - A total eclipse of the sun was visible over a wide belt of the southern Soviet Union Friday from Siberia to the Crimea.

Eid Al Fitr, the feast that ends the fast

Today we celebrate the end of our fasting month which has been one of great blessings to everyone who observed the fast. As Ramadan is a season of worship its end is an occasion of festivity and celebration.

Warrant issued against Bani-Sadr Death to Mitterrand, chant Iran crowds

TEHRAN, July 31 (Agencies) - Iranians chanting "death to Mitterrand" and "Death to France," marched to the French Embassy in Tehran Friday demanding the extradition of former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Tehran radio reported.

The demonstrators shouted "Mitterrand, return Bani-Sadr," the radio reported. About 40 persons demanding Bani-Sadr's extradition had camped outside the embassy all night, according to Tehran residents.

Earlier, French Ambassador Guy Geogry went to the foreign ministry Thursday and demanded that the Iranian government ensure the embassy's safety.

Talking to reporters about demonstrations outside the embassy, the spokesman said the government was following the situation closely.

The spokesman, who cannot be named under briefing ground rules, said Iranian authorities had increased security around the building, which seemed to indicate they planned to fulfill their obligations as a host government to protect an embassy.

day night from an interview which Bani-Sadr gave in France. The interview quoted him as saying that "In Iran no one is safe any longer. Law doesn't exist, it's a wild west."

Numereiri advised to drop M.E. bid

TAIF, July 31 (SPA) - Saudi Arabia said Friday that Sudan should drop any idea of reconciling other Arab countries with Egypt, which the Arab world boycotted in 1979 after it signed peace accords with Israel.

Iran tremor toll 8,000, U.N. says

UNITED NATIONS, July 31 (Agencies) - About 8,000 people died in the earthquake which struck southeast Iran Tuesday, the U.N. has reported.

Responding to an appeal by the Iranian government for international assistance, the agency agreed to send an earthquake specialist to the country.

Among other matters, he will assess relief needs in Kerman province, struck by its second earthquake in seven weeks. One thousand people were killed and 1,500 injured in the June 11 earthquake in the same region.

Soviet Union warns Pakistan

MOSCOW, July 31 (AFP) - Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko warned Pakistan Thursday against aligning itself with the United States and China, who he said wanted to use Pakistan as a base against the Soviet Union and other nations of South Asia.

Gromyko denounced the growing military partnership between China and the United States as hostile to the Soviet Union, and wrote that the Soviet Union was ready to take all the steps the situation might require.

In Peking China's new Communist Party chairman, Hu Yaobang, has described the Soviet Union as threatening in appearance but weak in reality, the New China News Agency said Friday.



United States at six million, but unofficial estimates put the total closer to 12 million. Linda Wong, a lawyer for the Mexican-American Defense and Education Fund, which protects the civil rights of Mexicans, said in Los Angeles: "Our reaction is one of outrage."

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WHY?

I'M SITTING HERE MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS, AND HE KEEPS GROWLING AT ME

OH... YOU'RE DRINKING OUT OF HIS MUG

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE \$20 I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY?

I'M SAVING THAT FOR A RAINY DAY

THIS DRY SPELL IS KILLING ME

B.C.

WHAT HAS FOUR LEGS, A TAIL AND SURRENDERS?

I GIVE UP.

..AW, FER CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

HAGAR

I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR MEN TO GET MARRIED AND SETTLE DOWN...

OF COURSE SOME MEN OVERDO IT!

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Trump Management

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ J 6 3
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ A 9 8 3

WEST
 ♠ 7 5
 ♥ J 10 9 3
 ♦ J 10 5 2
 ♣ J 7 4

EAST
 ♠ 8 4 2
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ K 10 6 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q 10 9
 ♥ A K 8
 ♦ A Q 7 6
 ♣ Q

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
 4♣ Pass 4♣ Pass
 6♣

Opening lead - jack of hearts.

The question of when to play trumps, and how many to play, is the big issue in many hands. Take this deal where West leads a heart against six spades and South wins with the ace. If he now draws three rounds of trumps, he goes down one against proper defense - losing a heart and a diamond.

By drawing all the missing trumps at once, declarer more or less banks his hopes on a 3-3 diamond division. This is not a sturdy prospect, since the odds are almost 2 to 1 against it, and South should therefore search for greener pastures.

He can increase his chances substantially by drawing only two rounds of trumps, playing a diamond to the king, a diamond back to the queen, a club to the ace, and another diamond toward his A-7.

The defense is helpless against this succession of plays. What can East do when the diamond eight is led from dummy? If he ruffs, declarer follows low and later discards a heart from dummy on the ace of diamonds, thus making six. The only trick he loses is East's diamond ruff.

If East does not trump the eight of diamonds, South wins with the ace and ruffs the diamond seven in dummy with the jack of trumps. The only trick declarer loses is a heart.

In effect, South aims from the start to extract full mileage out of his trumps. Two rounds of trumps are the right number to draw before starting the diamonds. The suggested method of play is not guaranteed to win, but it furnishes a good example of judicious trump management.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
 Work on artistic projects should go well. Children may be unruly, but will calm down when they are given something interesting to do.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
 Weekend jaunts should be romantic. Domestic worries clear up by day's end. Shared mental pursuits become a source of pleasure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
 You're on the go now, but don't overtire yourself. Despite a change in plans, you'll come up with some pleasant alternatives.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
 Travel should be fun. Romance is on your agenda, but unexpected expenses are possible. Do your best to curb a tendency to extravagance.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
 When you buy a loved one a gift, a family member could act erratically. Late afternoon favors financial bargaining and shopping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
 Social life brings romantic introductions and possible rivalries. Avoid slips of the tongue. Mental pursuits stimulate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
 A friend may be argumentative. Business and pleasure combine beautifully. Late afternoon brings a wish for rest or private pursuits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
 Opt for social life over business endeavors, which may be complicated now, though a friend gives you valuable advice. Enjoy romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
 Travel brings some surprise moments. A social event leads to business opportunities. Pay attention to details. Don't be forgetful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
 A pleasant day for you, providing you don't argue about costs. A friend can't be counted on. Early evening favors talks with close ties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
 Too much preoccupation with business could upset a close tie. Don't be contrary or excessively independent. Cooperate with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
 Lovers should have a special time now. Don't let the unexpected make you nervous. Be adaptable when faced with changes in schedule.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
 1 Tempo
 5 Indian V.I.P.
 10 Chinese port
 11 Shupefy
 12 Quince
 13 Texas city
 14 - long
 15 Mass. cape
 16 Iber
 17 Steinbeck's "The -"
 19 Butter or lard
 20 In days of -
 21 Sluggish
 22 Portico
 23 Kindle
 24 Cessation
 25 Arthur or Steven
 26 Chinese dynasty
 27 Kidnap victim
 30 French friend
 31 Scrap
 32 Coffee holder
 33 Bill of -
 35 " - Lost in His Arms"
 36 Take the air, in a way
 37 Singe
 38 Ar buckle
 39 Noted Italian family

DOWN
 1 "It's Only a - Moon"
 2 "That's -"
 3 Sondheim or pear, e.g.
 4 Watch
 5 "I Am Woman" songstress
 6 Soul (Fr.)
 7 To get kicks
 8 Pacify
 9 Partner
 10 of hale
 11 Pat or Debbie
 15 Mr. Dithers wife
 18 Kind of deck cadence
 21 Lively fervor
 22 Vitor
 23 Stallone movie
 24 "Funny Girl" star
 25 One kind of opera
 27 With great driving hazard
 28 Old English coin
 29 Strictly - nous
 34 At the drop of a -
 35 Winter driving hazard

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAKX
 is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
 E UDMRRYH ZC YHT OIY
 LZUC IZC UFEAT OZRI IZC
 RTTRI - WFTGFI BFYATFK

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: INDEPENDENCE IS A FEELING YOU GET ONCE YOU LEARN NOT TO EXPECT SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. - O.A. BATTISTA

Believe It or Not!

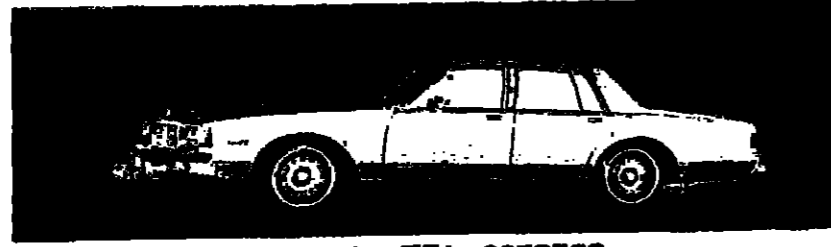
PROFESSOR JOHN RASSIAS
 A LANGUAGE PROFESSOR AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, TEACHES HIS CLASSES FRENCH WHILE ATTIRED AS AN 18TH-CENTURY PHILOSOPHER.

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 MADE FOR CHILDREN BY DR. ROBERT WYMAN AT THE ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. IN THE 1960S. WERE SCULPTED AS ANIMALS, WITH THE CHILD'S TOES AS TEETH.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

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As U.S. warns Russia

Poles petition MPs to restore food cuts

WARSAW, July 31 (R) — Some 300 workers converged on the Polish Sejm (parliament) here Friday calling on the government to rescind cuts in meat rations as a wave of protests against food shortages continued.

The workers arrived at the parliament building by bus and began a silent vigil outside the main entrance. They raised banners with slogans like "We want to eat." A group of 30 went into the building to deliver a resolution drawn up by the Warsaw leaders of the Solidarity free trade union which proclaimed a two-hour warning strike in the region next Wednesday.

Part of the resolution announcing the strike was later read to the assembled deputies by a speaker who called on the country to come to its senses. "People, come to your senses. This is not the way to get the country out of crisis," the speaker said.

The resolution said that in the 11 months since it signed the Gdansk accords, the government had not fulfilled its basic duty of providing food for the population. It said the food situation had seriously deteriorated.

Demanding a reversal of meat ration cuts, the resolution included calls for an increase in meat allowances for manual workers, a government program to improve supplies of all food as well as soap and detergents, and a public inspection of all documents concerning production, distribution, export and import of food.

The resolution also repeated Solidarity's argument that it cannot accept higher food prices without worker self-management. The resolution added that if the Warsaw branch's demands were not met the city's union leaders would call on Solidarity's national leaders

International



ARTIFICIAL HEART: The left and right ventricle of the artificial heart that was implanted in a 36-year-old man Thursday at the Texas Heart Institute, St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. The operation was performed by a team of surgeons and scientists headed by Dr. Denton Cooley.

Acting contrary to policy

Bonn faces U.S. ire over defense cuts

BRUSSELS, July 31 (R) — West Germany's decision to trim its defense budget next year will probably lead to renewed tensions with Washington over the issue of military spending among NATO members, alliance sources said Friday.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said Thursday night the defense budget would rise by a nominal 4.2 percent in 1982. This may mean a slight reduction in real terms when inflation is taken into account, defense ministry officials said.

Confronted with serious economic problems, most West European nations are expected to fall behind their NATO commitment of aiming at a real three percent a year increase in defense spending.

In Belgium for example, Defense Minister Frank Swaelens is fighting to avert the axe from his department as the government looks for savings of over \$2.5 billion in planned expenditure for next year. NATO sources said tensions were likely to increase as the spending gap between West Europe and the U.S. widened, with the Reagan administration scheduling big defense increases to counter a Soviet military build-up.

A controversy over whether governments were meeting the 1978 three percent pledge strained relations between the U.S. under former President Jimmy Carter and its allies. The Reagan administration has taken a more flexible line and conceded that money spent on defense was not the only yardstick to military effort.

While confirming the three percent target,

Man survives with only half a brain

PEKING, July 31 (AP) — A 31-year-old man was survived for 15 years with only half his brain following a cerebral operation conducted by doctors at a medical college hospital, the New China News Agency (NCNA) has reported.

The official news agency said Thursday that the patient — who wished to remain anonymous — had managed to do "simple work" with only his left cerebral hemisphere.

Described as "courteous and happy," the man was operated on at the age of 16 by surgeons in Kunming, Yunnan province after electro-encephalogram readings showed his right cerebral hemisphere to be abnormal.

When the head was opened they found that besides other abnormalities, the patient's brain was covered by milky-white cysts. It was then that they decided to remove the right hemisphere.

It said that he began to control the left side of his body which was paralyzed before, and that he suffered much fewer epileptic fits. Today he works at a Kunming factory and is kept under observation by the local medical college. Although his brain functions had been impaired, the agency said there was no damage in understanding, memory of colors, music, people and surroundings.

Pakistan train mishap kills 30

BAHAWALPUR, Pakistan, July 31 (Agencies) — At least 30 persons were killed and about 50 injured Friday when a special holiday train derailed near Bahawalpur, Pakistan railways said.

The accident occurred early Friday morning to a train carrying people from Karachi to towns in northern Pakistan for weekend celebrations marking the end of the Holy month of Ramadan. The governor of Punjab province told reporters sabotage had not ruled out. The engine and first six carriages of the 15-coach train derailed about eight kms from Bahawalpur in central Pakistan.

IRA man still in coma

BELFAST, July 31 (AFP) — Irish Republican hunger striker Kevin Lynch can die at any time now, a spokesman for the Republican movement has said.

Lynch, 25, was said to be in an intermittent coma Thursday, the 69th day without food. Meanwhile, Kieran Doherty, also 25, remained conscious but extremely weak Thursday night as he concluded his 70th day of fasting to seek political-prisoner status for Irish Republican prisoners in the Maze Prison near here.

U.S., India N-talks fail

NEW DELHI, July 31 (AP) — India and the United States ended two days of formal talks here Friday on the supply of U.S. nuclear fuel for an American-built atomic plant near Bombay and decided to continue the discussions later in Washington, a U.S. official said.

Continuation of the talks indicated that the two sides had failed to agree on a formula for amicably ending the 18-year-old arrangement under which the United States is the exclusive supplier of enriched uranium for the two power reactors at Tarapur, India, and also retains control over the spent fuel, a

\$20m worth hashish seized

MONTREAL, July 31 (AFP) — Drug squad officers seized hashish worth nearly \$20 million at Montreal Harbor, police confirmed Friday.

The illegal dope, about 1,600 kilos (3,300 lbs) of hashish and another 150 kilos (360 lbs) in liquid form, was found on a cargo ship from Beirut.

The drugs were hidden in crates containing ornamental wooden tables and carvings. No arrests have been made, police said. Under Canadian law, if nobody is charged within 90 days, the dope will be destroyed.

Fraser denies Charles tipped for top post

LONDON, July 31 (AFP) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser has denied here that there were any negotiations underway between his government and Britain about a nomination of Prince Charles as governor-general of Australia.

In a declaration before the Foreign Press Club here, Fraser said there had been "no negotiations" of that sort, that there had been too much speculation in the media on the idea already and that everybody seemed to forget that Australia already had a governor-general.

However, he added, "what the future might hold nobody can tell."

The Australian prime minister came here to attend Wednesday royal wedding and took advantage of his stay for successive talks with his British counterpart, Margaret Thatcher, French President Francois Mitterrand, New Zealand Premier Robert Muldoon and Singapore Premier Lee Kuan Yew, as well as

Peers foil bid to cut BBC's services

LONDON, July 31 (R) — Britain's Conservative government was defeated in the House of Lords, parliament's upper chamber Thursday night on its controversial plans to cut overseas services of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

The government plans to save £2.4 million (\$4.8 million) by cutting seven foreign language services — the Italian, Maltese, Burmese and Somali services and those to Europe in French and Spanish and to Brazil in Portuguese.

The House of Lords, where the government normally has a majority, voted by 82 to 45 for a motion by Liberal Lord Byers calling on the government to reconsider its plans. He

Salvadoran fighting continues unabated

SAN SALVADOR, July 31 (AP) — Government troops backed by heavy artillery and air strikes attacked guerrilla strongholds on and around the volcano of Guazapa for the third straight day Thursday, an army spokesman said.

The spokesman, who asked for anonymity, said at least four soldiers were killed and an undetermined number of others were wounded since the army assault got underway Tuesday.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY (SAMA)

Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) would like to draw the attention of the travelling public to the financial laws and regulations of most of the Arab and other foreign countries including some European and Asian countries which strictly prohibit national currency being brought into their respective countries.

Simultaneously, these same countries prohibit exporting foreign currencies unless the concerned tourists or visitors can prove with evidence, that the same had been brought with them on their arrival to that country.

Competent authorities in the Saudi Arabian Kingdom have received complaints from citizens who were confronted with similar problems and their money confiscated due to their failure to comply with currency regulations of various countries.

So, in order to avoid such incidents citizens are kindly requested to seek the advice of airlines and travel agencies on the currency restrictions of countries they propose to visit. And abide by those currency exchange regulations and procedures.

Our citizens can also ask the assistance and advice of the local banks. They deal with the transfer of money to foreign countries, both in traveller's cheques and bank drafts, in the best and safest way. Let them suggest the most suitable form of carrying foreign exchange on your next trip.

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